

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2021**

Call to Order

Chair Konrath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Konrath led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment Statement

Konrath read the public comment statement "*Ladies and gentlemen, before the Board of Supervisors votes on any matter, the Board will allow for public comment on that particular item. If you wish to be heard at that time, please raise your hand, and you will be recognized*".

Konrath stated that the meeting is being recorded for the limited purpose of preparing the official minutes.

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Gary Konrath – Chair

Peter Gonze – Vice Chair

Reda Briglia - Supervisor

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Executive Session Items

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that there was an Executive Session that started at 4:30 p.m. and ended at 5:58 p.m. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that present at the Executive Session was Supervisors Konrath and Gonze as well as himself, Charles Unangst and Dody Frawley from Skelly and Loy Engineering. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the purpose of the Executive Session was an information session regarding potential litigation for the Paradise Stream Restoration Project. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that there was also discussion of a possible enforcement action on another project which was subject to a conditional use. No decisions were made.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the August 2, 2021 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the August 16 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Paradise Stream Restoration Project/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that there was a meeting with Luciano's Excavating, Supervisor Gonze, representatives of Skelly and Loy and himself to discuss the resolution of the Paradise Streams Restoration Project in the wake of issues preventing the project from being completed this year.

Mount Airy, LLC Notice of Violation/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that at the August 2, 2021 meeting he was directed to write a letter to Mount Airy, LLC regarding the Notice of Violation they were issued from DEP. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had written the letter and was requesting that the Township Engineer, Charles Unangst review the letter before sending it to Mount Airy, LLC.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve Solicitor Prevoznik to collaborate with Charles Unangst, Hanover Engineering in reviewing the letter before sending the letter to Mount Airy, LLC to be signed by Chair Konrath.

Motion carried 3-0.

Seven Pines Park Project/Discuss – Briglia stated that the change order #4 in the amount of \$44,825.00 submitted by Kobalt Construction for the Seven Pines Park Project was sent to the Barrett Township Supervisors however the Barrett Township Board did not make any decisions at their last meeting regarding the project. Briglia stated that PARC would not be able to give any more monies to the project at this time. Briglia relayed that as per Supervisor LaBar, Barrett Township also did not have funds to contribute at this time. Briglia stated that the grant used for this project was a Paradise Township grant and she believes Paradise Township should move forward before there is further erosion due to the runoff believed to be coming from the State Game Lands after the Game Lands property was clear cut on the upslope side. The Board discussed moving forward with change order #4.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to submit a fee of \$800.00 to Monroe County Conservation District to process the change as a "minor modification" to the NPDES permit for the work to be done as part of the change order #4.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve Kobalt Construction's change order #4 with Paradise Township funding from the Open Space account in the amount

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of \$44,825.00 for the purpose of mitigating any further damage to the project as designed and constructed.

Motion carried 3-0.

Invasive Species/Mile-a-Minute Weed/Discuss – Konrath stated that he contacted Tom Gallucci from Absolute Lawns about spraying the VanBuskirk Preserve for Mile-a-Minute Weed. Mr. Gallucci estimated that the cost to spray the preserve would be \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve Tom Gallucci from Absolute Lawns to spray the VanBuskirk Preserve for Mile-a-Minute Weed with a cost up to \$2,000.00 from the Open Space account.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Barrett Paradise Library/Use of the Roof – Transue stated that she received a phone call from Chelsea Corso from the Barrett Friendly Library about using the Roof one Saturday in October for their Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program. Ms. Corso requested the use of the Roof free of charge. Transue stated that she then received a follow up email from Ms. Corso on August 16, 2021 that stated they would prefer Saturdays but would take any day of the week and they would prefer to hold a few separate events. Konrath stated that he would be attending a meeting in the near future with the library and he would get more details.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to table the discussion until next meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business (Continued)

Larsen Lane/Hanover Comment Letter – Mr. Unangst stated that Konrath, Mike Mader and himself did a site visit to Larsen Lane at the request of resident Alex Tasselmyer. Mr. Unangst submitted a review letter with his findings to the Board. Mr. Unangst summarized his review letter for the Board. The Board directed Transue to send a cover letter along with Mr. Unangst's review letter to Mr. Tasselmyer.

Reports

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had nothing further to report.

Engineer - Mr. Unangst stated he was contacted by the contractor installing the traffic calming devices and they were expecting to install the devices in September. Mr. Unangst stated that Hanover Engineering would be submitting the paperwork to Pennsylvania Northeast Railroad Authority in regards to the easement for the Devils Hole Road Culvert Project.

Zoning Officer – The Board discussed the Zoning Officer's report.

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PMREMS – Gonze stated that PMREMS Regional Roundup fundraiser was held and was very successful.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Gonze stated that the Paradise Township Historical Society met at the Presbyterian Lutheran Cemetery and they wished to extend their thank you to the Township and the Road Crew for the clean up work that was done in the cemetery.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to recess the regular meeting and go into an executive session.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that Executive Session included Mr. Unangst for the first ten minutes to discuss property acquisition and for the remainder of the Executive Session the Board discussed possible litigation and resolution of contractual matters. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue
Secretary